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Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"Will the Government at least now consider the advisability of including this village under the Tiruvallur police sub-station, considering the fact that it is nearer to Tiruvallur than to Pennalur Pettai ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I want notice, Sir."

Military

Notification regarding messing allowance to military officers.

*765 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state with reference to the notification in the Army department at pages 1414–1419 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 25th September 1928, whether the messing allowance of 10 annas per month mentioned on page 1418 in Schedule III—Provincial Units, for junior officers, non-commissioned officers and men is correct or whether there is any error in the republication of the notification?

A.—There is no error in the republication of the notification.

Pensions

Payment of pensions to pensioners in Trichinopoly district.

*766 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that till August 1928 the pensioners in the Trichinopoly district were paid their pensions on the 1st or 2nd of every month ;

(*b*) whether the Collector of the district has issued an order to commence payment of pensions only from the 4th of every month ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a similar trouble arose regarding the payment of pensions to the pensioners in that district in 1924, and whether the Government then passed an order cancelling the then Collector's order ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to pass a similar order at present also and, if not, why ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not aware whether the facts are as suggested. A report has been called for.

(*c*) & (*d*) A representation was made to the Government in November 1923 in connexion with the dates of payment of pension in the Trichinopoly sub-treasury. After obtaining a report on the subject, the Government passed orders allowing the Collector to use his discretion in the matter.

Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA :—"With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), will the Government be pleased to cancel the orders allowing the Collector to use his discretion in the matter of payment of pensions, having regard to the fact that the pensioners are old ?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—"The Government do not propose to withdraw discretion vested in an officer unless it can be shown that he has abused it."